

Minutes

LAC DU FLAMBEAU TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE

April 21, 2010

Meeting

10:00am

1. Call to Order – Roberta Gast called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.
2. Opening Statement – Chair Gast noted that appropriate provisions of the Open Meeting Act were observed.
3. Roll Call – Attending Members: Randy Augustinak, John Bartosz, Charlene DeWald, Dennis Gathmann, Jack George, Lester Kuerschner, Robert Milburn, Donna Roche, Gretchen Watkins, Norm Wetzel, and Roberta Gast-Chair. Also attending was Nancy Edwards – coordinator, and guests; Richard Doolittle and Ted Ritter, Vilas County AIS Coordinator.
4. Approval of agenda – Move to Approve Rob Milburn, Seconded Jack George, Approved.
5. Approval of minutes of October 21, 2009 Meeting – Move to Approve by Donna Roche, seconded by Jack George, Approved.
6. Public comments - None
7. Discussion and action on agenda items
 - A. Personnel report – Roberta Gast noted that the only paid position this year is Nancy Edwards coordinator and as a result we will depend to a greater extent than last year on Volunteer Labor. Nancy will focus on recruiting and management of volunteers and less on doing actual inspections.
 - B. Financial report
 - 1) Approval to accept WDNR grant funds – Norm Wetzel reported on the progress of the 2009 Claim that a check in the amount of \$33,531 had been received and that our 2009 grant was therefore wrapped up. Norm commented on the coming year noting our partnership with the Town of Manitowish Waters and the Discovery Center. He also noted that the Town of LDF is putting in \$7500 and the Town of Manitowish Waters is putting in \$3500 towards our approved 2010 Budget of \$22,000, the balance being made up by State Funds. Norm

also noted that the Grant requires 375 volunteer hours for from LDF and 175 volunteer hours from Manitowish Waters in 2010 for Watercraft Inspection and 700 hours for lake monitoring.

C. Strategic Plan report

- 1) Standing Rules – Roberta Gast distributed binders to all the members containing calendars and updated Standing Rules. Roberta noted that the Town Board had approved the Standing Rules with two additional changes as noted.
- 2) Nomination and approval of alternate member – John Bartosz moved to Authorize Rich Doolittle from Gunlock as our first Alternate Member, Seconded by Charlene DeWald, Approved. Rich Doolittle will be authorized to vote when the Town Board approves his selection.
- 3) Strategic plan activities for 2010 – Norm Wetzel commented on planned activities for 2010 and directed our attention to the summary of planned activities in the new binder. Rob Milburn moved to approve acceptance of DNR Funds for 2010, Seconded by John Bartosz, Approved. Norm Wetzel reviewed the 2010 calendar sheets in the binder in detail adding several additional events.
- 4) Environmental Community Organization- ECO – No comments.

D. Website – Nancy Edwards commented on recent changes and upgrades to the Town Website which now has links to most TLC activities and documents. Ted Ritter requested that we work to eliminate redundant references on the County Website; Roberta Gast agreed and will do.

E. Report from Publicity Action Team – Rob Milburn, Donna Roche and Charlene DeWald reported on PRAT work items noting that distribution of packets to our distribution lists would start shortly. Dennis Gathmann suggested that information about the TLC be added to the packets. PRAT agreed to review the idea and develop a proposed addition,

F. Tribal report – Gretchen Watkins reported that the Tribe had installed a camera at the Campgrounds Landing and that she would be monitoring launch activities and would comment later on how effective the camera was at helping to promote proper cleaning of watercraft. Gretchen also reported on the planned ECO activities and handed out HO #1 with a

description of the ECO. The TLC & ECO are planning an area wide shoreline sweeps to look for AIS and picking up trash along the shores on June 12 (rain date, June 14). TLC participation is needed.

- G. Legislative report – Roberta Gast presented an article that reported on the various legislations that were passed last year and those coming up in 2010. Gast also asked whether any member wanted to be responsible for a legislative reports at future meetings.
- H. Vilas AIS Partnership report – Ted Ritter commented favorably on the TLC activities and noted that the DNR wants to replace signs throughout the county. The DNR is printing only some 1000 signs for the whole State which has some 15000 lakes so it will take some time to change out all the signage.
- I. Letters & Communications – None
- J. Meeting Adjourned at 12:03 PM

Next Meeting – May, 19, 2010, 10am LDF Town Hall

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